



Bibliothèque publique d'information

Instructions for use



What is the Bpi?

The Bibliothèque publique d'information is a public institution governed by the French Ministry of Culture, located in the Pompidou Centre. Since its opening in 1977, it is an encyclopaedic and information library providing the public with print, audio, audiovisual and digital collections.

It is open to all without any formalities, free of charge, for onsite use of materials only (no loans).

The Bpi provides the following

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- 350,000 books
- 2,500 magazine, newspaper, and periodical titles
- 7,000 maps
- scanned newspaper articles
- 2,000 sheet music scores
- 13,000 compact discs
- 2,000 audio files
- 2,250 documentary films
- 250 animation films
- 550 films produced by Arte (Arte Vod)
- 1,200 tutorials, software, and websites for self-teaching
- 1,500 learning materials or open-shelf books for 220 languages
- 11 television channels
- 2,000 electronic documents
- 2 pianos
- sound archives (debates, conferences, etc. organised by the Bpi)

... and online

information, documents, and services:
www.bpi.fr
www.facebook.com/bpi.pompidou
on Twitter : @Bpi_Pompidou

Reminder: inside the Bpi, please



- respect silence
- put your telephone on silent mode or go to "blue areas" to use your phone (see map)
- go to the cafeteria to eat or drink (closed bottles are allowed on work tables)
- leave all materials inside the library when you leave (no loans)
- note that all exits are final.

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Computers at the Bpi

1 / Bring your own laptop

You may access our Bpi Wifi network free of charge. Work tables are fitted with plugs.

2 / Use the library's IT computers

Catalogue computers

To search for documents available at the Bpi and other libraries.

Multimedia computers

Free access to Bpi content:

- the Bpi subscribes to over 2,000 databases (different accesses according to the area you are consulting from)
- films
- recordings of Bpi events
- music and sound recordings (in the Music areas)
- Press (in the Press area)
- Self Teaching websites (in the Self Teaching area).

Internet computers

40 minutes of free access to the web: request your ticket from the General Information Desk (level 1).



Services for the blind and visually impaired

• 5 booths equipped for the visually impaired

(level 1)

booking is recommended:

- directly at the information desk
- or by telephone on 01 44 78 12 71 (during opening hours)

- Volunteers are available for reading and research assistance, on appointment

- Appropriate equipment is available in these booths

- A specialised librarian is available to teach you how to use this equipment: 01 44 78 43 75

• And

large print screens and screen enlargers (level 1 and 2).

[See leaflet: Services for people with disabilities]

Please also consult the Bpi's website, Practical informations/ Disabilities and accessibility



Coming to the Bpi

Pompidou Centre

(entrance rue Beaubourg – 75004 Paris)

Opening hours

12:00 – 10:00 pm weekdays

11:00 am – 10:00 pm weekends

and public holidays.

Closed on Tuesdays and 1st of May.

To avoid the queue

Favour evenings and Friday afternoons
Check the queue in real time via our webcam on:

www.bpi.fr/fr/webcam.html

Reserved access for people with disabilities,

pregnant women, and people over the age of 60 (on presentation of ID).

Contact details

Bibliothèque publique d'information
75197 Paris cedex 04

Tel. 01 44 78 12 75

or during the library's opening hours

Tel. 01 44 78 12 71

The Bpi is

online

<http://www.bpi.fr>

<http://pro.bpi.fr>

<http://balises.bpi.fr>

on Facebook

[facebook.com/bpi.pompidou](https://www.facebook.com/bpi.pompidou)

on Twitter

@Bpi_Pompidou

The Bpi offers also...

A programme of cultural events

- exhibitions, meetings, debates, study days, documentary and animation films, etc.

www.bpi.fr/agenda

Find out more about the events

archives-sonores.bpi.fr

- conversation and IT workshops, etc.

Programme available on: www.bpi.fr

Looking for information about a specific topic?

Ask your question on BiblioSésame.

Answers in 72 hours, free service.

www.bibliosesame.org or

www.facebook.com/bibliosesame

'Cinéma du Réel' international documentary film festival

Sociological and ethnographic documentary films in the Spring.

See www.cinemadureel.org/en

Tours on appointment

Tel. 01 44 78 13 83

Fax 01 44 78 47 82

email: visites.groupes@bpi.fr

Encyclopaedic collections classified by main disciplines

Level 1:

Job Search, Professional and School Guidance, Day-to-day life, Graphic collections and Video Games

Level 2:

0 Documentary techniques, 0 Media, 1 Philosophy, 2 Religions, 3 Social sciences, 3 Law and Economy, 5/6 Science and Technology

Level 3:

7 Arts, Cinema, Leisure and Sports, Music and audio files

8 Languages and Literatures

9 Geography and History

Specific areas

Reception and practical information (level 1)

- 5 booths for the visually impaired [See leaflet: Services for people with disabilities]
- Job Search, Professional and School Guidance [See leaflet: Job search]
- Distribution of Internet tickets.

Graphic collections and Video Games

- 3,000 comics, mangas, graphic novels, 600 alternative novels, documents on urban culture
- 3 consoles in the Video Games room, workshops, books on Geek culture.



Press (level 2)

[See leaflet: Press area]

- 450 newspapers and magazines available in paper form, on microfilm (archive collections) or in electronic form
- full text newspaper articles on databases and bound volumes of press kits
- television from around the world: 16 televisions permanently connected to news channels.



Self Teaching (level 2)

[See leaflet: Self Teaching in multiple languages]

- learn 220 languages and dialects
- learn with 400 tutorials and educational software: office, DTP, highway code, accounting, technology, etc.
- participate in conversation or IT workshops, etc.



Music and audio files (level 3)

[See leaflet: Audio files]

- listen to music, audio files, watch musicals, consult electronic resources on music, etc.
- books, sheet music, magazines, sound recordings (CDs, cassettes), audiovisual (DVD, filmed concerts and documentaries), electronic resources, etc.
- 2 digital pianos.

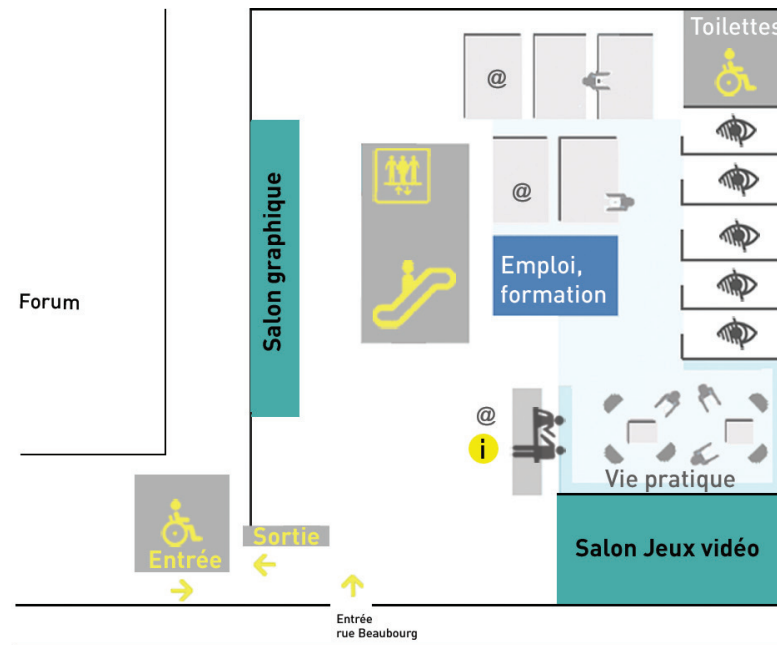


Films

2,500 films (documentaries, animation, shows) can be viewed on multimedia computers or in area 7.

Level 1

Job Search, Professional and School Guidance, Day-to-day Life, Graphic Collections and Video Games
Distribution of Internet tickets

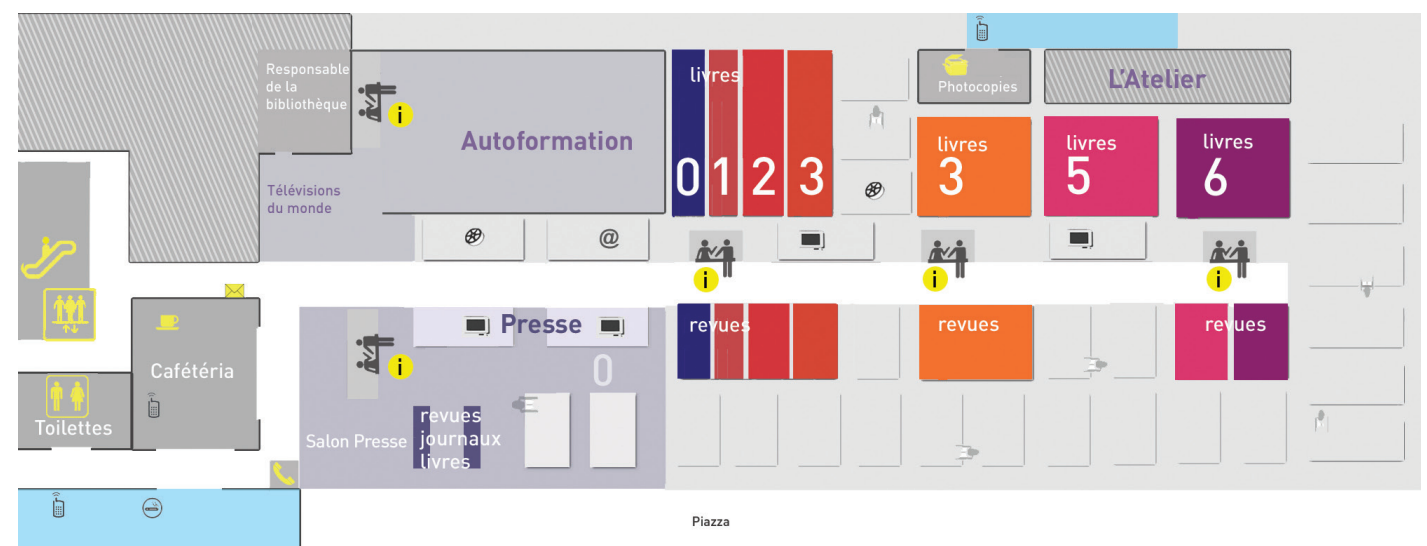


- reception, information
- booths for the visually impaired
- photocopier
- microfilm
- Internet computers
- multimedia computers
- film area
- telephone areas

Level 2

Self Teaching area, Press, Cafeteria.

0 Documentary techniques, 0 Media, 1 Philosophy, 2 Religions, 3 Social sciences, 3 Law and Economy, 5/6 Science and Technology



Level 3

7 Arts, Cinema, Leisure and Sports, Music and audio files, 8 Languages and Literatures, 9 Geography and History

